

With just three easy steps, you can do your part to help **stop the spread** of aquatic invasive species like plants, mussels and whirling disease

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- THE PROBLEM
 - Little Awareness

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- OBJECTIVE
 - Raise Awareness
 - Change Behavior

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- AUDIENCE

- Boaters

- Anglers

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- MESSAGE

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Prevention is key



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- Techniques
 - Getting the word out

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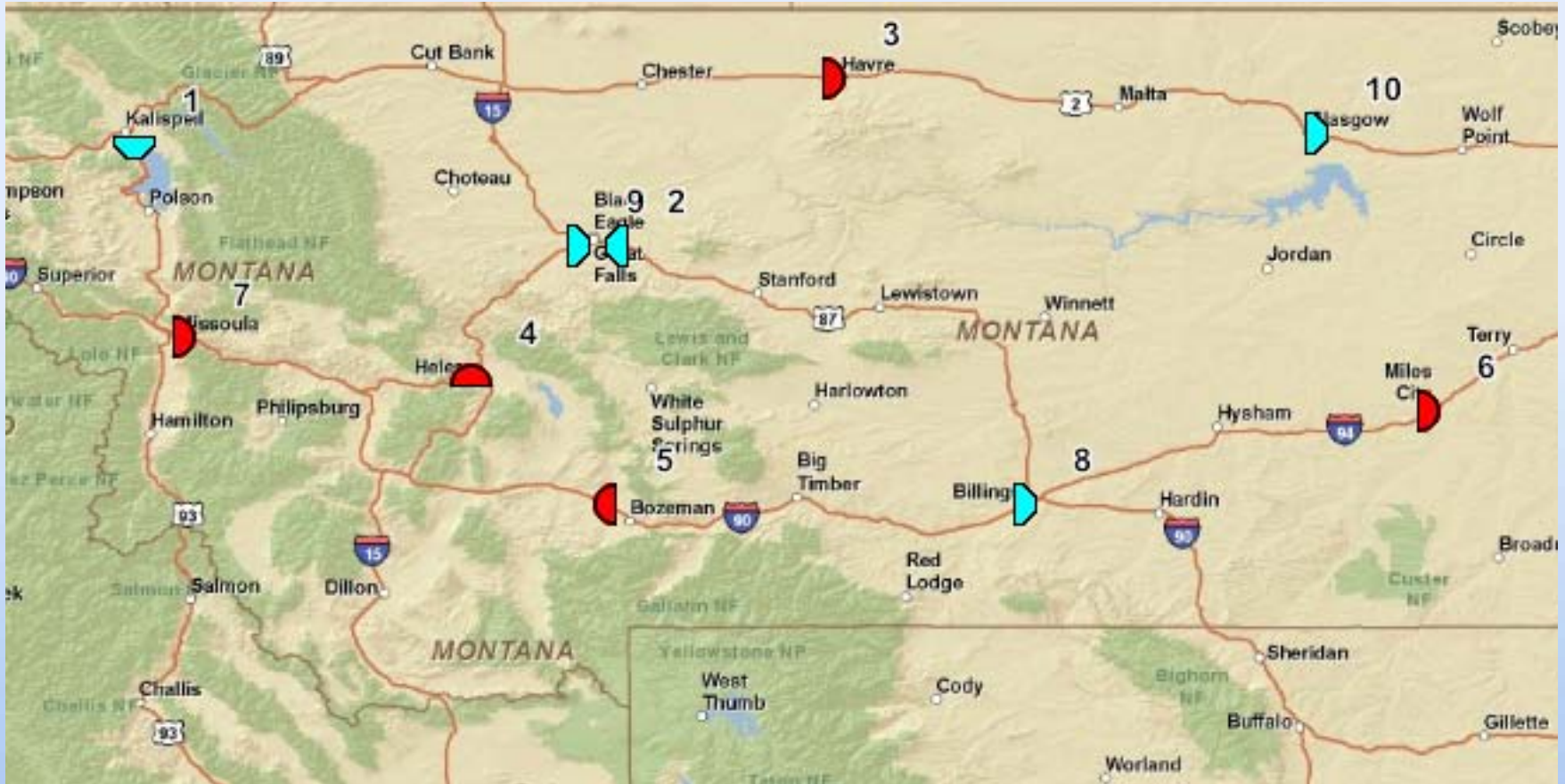


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Billboard Locations



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2. CLEAN.

Completely remove all mud, water, and vegetation. Use a high-pressure power washer, pressurized spray, or hot water. The hot water helps kill organisms and prevents eggs from surviving.

3. DRY.

Aquatic invasive species can survive in water and wet gear. By drying and drying gear thoroughly, you can help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Aquatic invasive species degrade ecosystems, damage community water supplies, and take away our fishing, floating and boating opportunities. You can help stop the spread of these aquatic hitchhikers with just **3 EASY STEPS:**

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Keep your boat and gear clean and free of debris. INSPECT FOR:



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Aquatic invaders can survive only in water and wet areas. By draining and drying your boat and fishing equipment thoroughly, you will kill most invasive species. The longer you keep your boat, trailer, waders, and other equipment outside in the hot sun between fishing trips, the better.

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MAKE THE CALL: Report violations anonymously to **1-800-TIP-MONT**



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KEEPING THE INVADERS AT BAY

SPECIAL REPORT



Aquatic invasive species degrade ecosystems, hamper recreation, and cost businesses a bundle.
Can they be contained?

BY TOM DICKSON

IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG. Within a few decades after its arrival in the world's 400-acre El Estero de San Juan in 2003, White bass (perca flavescens) had become one of the most common members of the largemouth bass family in the lake. In addition to covering more water, the bass were also taking over the lake's population in the lake. In addition to covering more water, the bass were also taking over the lake's population in the lake. In addition to covering more water, the bass were also taking over the lake's population in the lake.

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Strike gold in Montana's hidden creeks

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Northern Ag Network Web Banner



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Billings Gazette

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Aquatic Invasive Species Outdoor Report



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Postcard

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Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers
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ALERT!

This water contains
Eurasian Watermilfoil
an aquatic invasive plant species
**IT IS ILLEGAL TO POSSESS AND
TRANSPORT THIS SPECIES ALIVE**

Before leaving:

- ▶ Drain all water from your boat, livewell, and bait bucket
- ▶ Inspect boat and trailer, and remove any visible mud, plant fragments and animals
- ▶ Wash and dry boat and equipment in between use
- ▶ Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash



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Teaching Guide

An educational resource
to explain to kids how
they can help stop the
spread of aquatic
invasive species in
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Watercraft Inspections



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- EVALUATION
 - Pre/Post Surveys

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